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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to remove multiple dependency. As a result, the combined scope of amended claim 4 and new claim 19 is identical to that of original claim 4. Similarly, the combined scope of amended claim 5 and new claim 20 is identical to that of original claim 5; the combined scope of amended claim 15 and new claim 21 is identical to that of original claim 15; and the combined scope of amended claim 16 and new claim 22 is identical to that of original claim 16.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined. Please apply any other charges to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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Version with markings to show changes made

In the claims:

Claims 4, 5, 15 and 16 have been amended as follows:

4. (Once Amended) A system according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein

said system further comprises a Web server which is located on the network and has a Web site from which the request key can be acquired, and

said notary server comprises URL information notification means for transmitting by electronic mail URL information of the Web site to an electronic mail address designated by said first terminal apparatus.

5. (Once Amended) A system according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein said system further comprises fourth storage means for, when said transcript file transmission control means transmits an electronic file to said second terminal apparatus, storing at least one of a time when transcript request information is received from said second terminal apparatus and a time when the electronic file is transmitted to said second terminal apparatus.

15. (Once Amended) A method according to claim 13 [or 14], wherein

a Web server having a Web site from which the request key can be acquired is prepared on the network, and

the method further comprises the URL information notification step of causing the notary server to transmit by electronic mail URL information of the Web site to an electronic mail address designated by the first terminal apparatus.

16. (Once Amended) A method according to claim 13 [or 14], wherein said method further comprises the fourth storage step of, when an electronic file is transmitted to the second terminal apparatus in the transcript file transmission step, storing at least one of a time when

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transcript request information is received from the second terminal apparatus and a time when the electronic file is transmitted to the second terminal apparatus.